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St. Louis - Oct. 12.

To Wm. Beaumont. M. D.

Dear Sir,

The Board of Trustees of the Medical Department of St. Louis University, at a meeting held yesterday, instructed me to express to you their regret that circumstances rendered you unable definitely to accept your appointment to the chair of "Surgery". From the purport of your letter declining the appointment, however, they were led to hope that your reasons are such as may be removed by a few week's delay; that you would accept it, if time were given you to communicate with Washington City. Hoping that this is true, & being sincerely desirous that the Medical Department should have, in its infancy, the benefit of your influence & talents, The Board instructed me to communicate further with you and to express their willingness to wait for a definite answer from you, until you can obtain an answer from the Surgeon General upon the subject. They are the more ready to do this, because it is not at all



probable that the Medical Faculty will commence their regular lectures before November, 1837, and therefore the delay of a few weeks, on your part, can not do any injury to the department, whatever may be the final answer.

I therefore take this method of informing you, that the Board resolved - not to proceed to the election of a Professor to the Chair of surgery, until your final answer is given, after such time as you may find necessary; and that the answer which you have already given be not accepted, until further communication shall be received from you.

With the earnest desire on my own part that the wishes of the Board may be gratified,

I remain

With great respect,

Your Friend & Serv<sup>t</sup>,

Wm. G. Eliot Jr.

Secy of Board of Trustees.

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Rev. W. G. Elliott  
Lecturer - Lecturing  
& Professor of

Oct 12. 1836

To Dr. Peasmont



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Yr Friend & Servant  
(Signed) Wm G. Eliot Jr  
Sec'y of Board of Trustees